

saint he at once desisted from persecuting the Hindus and allowed them to rebuild the demolished temples at public expense.

A similar story is told of Sultan Sikandar Lodhi of Delhi who wanted to destroy the Hindu temple of Thanaswar (Kangra) but was prevented from doing so by a Divine of his court.

STORY 15.

SOCIAL SERVICE.

CARE OF THE SICK.

THE Prophet used to visit the sick. He sat by their bedside, felt their pulse, spoke to them words of comfort and prayed for them. By his example and his precept he made care of the sick obligatory on his followers. Hence a muslim will wait upon a sick person even if he is quite unknown to him with a devotion and selflessness which borders on self sacrifice.

In a certain town of Persia there lived a saintly person of the name of Maroof. Once he received as his guest a certain person who had only a slight acquaintance with him. It so happened that this guest fell sick of a painful disease which allowed him no rest day or night. There was no servant in the house, so Maroof had himself to wait upon him. The sick man was naturally of a sour temper and gave way to fits of anger if any thing happened against his wishes.

Due to constant attendance upon him Maroof could not take his food in time and had no sleep for several nights.

But one night nature proved too strong for him, and in spite of his effort to keep awake he fell into a slumber, from which he was rudely awakened by the shout of the sick man mingled